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U.S. Special Envoy Gration to Travel to Chad and Sudan

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U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration will travel to Chad and Sudan from February 14-22, 2010, where he will visit N'Djamena, Juba, Kadugli (Kauda), and Khartoum.

In N'Djamena, Special Envoy Gration will meet with Chadian officials, including President Idriss Déby Itno and Foreign Minister Moussa Faki Mahamat, to support and advance recent efforts to improve bilateral relations between Chad and Sudan. In Juba, Special Envoy Gration will continue his consultations with members of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), including President Salva Kiir, working to resolve many remaining issues around the full and complete implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and to assess preparations for upcoming national elections. Special Envoy Gration will also travel to Kadugli to meet with UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) officials and the leadership of the Kauda state. Finally, Special Envoy Gration will visit Khartoum to participate in bilateral meetings with both the SPLM and the National Congress Party (NCP) to discuss the census, referendum, Abyei border demarcation, and post-referenda issues.

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